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on the invention entitled

"HEAT-SEALABLE FILTER MATERIAL WITH BIODEGRADABLE POLYMERS"

the specification of which is attached hereto,

or was filed on **April 30, 1998**

as a PCT Application Serial No. **PCT/EP98/02553**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

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